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SAC, Milwaukee

May 18, 1950

Director, FBI

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JOHN SULLIVAN, aka. "Blackie" Sullivan

[redacted] b7E

Reurlet March 10, 1950 advising that the above-named individual [redacted] b7E

The Bureau desires to be advised if there have been any developments [redacted] b7E since your referenced letter was submitted. The Bureau should also be advised concerning Sullivan's financial situation [redacted]

cc: Chicago

GS:mcp

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: February 6, 1950

FROM : Mr. Leggett

SUBJECT: JOHN SULLIVAN, wa.,
Blackmail - Sullivan
[redacted]

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PURPOSE:

To advise that [redacted] of John Sullivan, wa., a gambler formerly active in organized crime in the Chicago area, has indicated [redacted] is

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DETAILS:

The Milwaukee Division has advised that [redacted] who is described as [redacted] has contacted the Milwaukee office and advised that Sullivan [redacted]

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Attachment

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INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THE CHICAGO DIVISION:

The Chicago Division has indicated that Sullivan has been active in organized crime in the Chicago area for many years and is known to have engaged in the slot machine racket and to have been a suspect in several gangland killings. The Chicago Syndicate has been credited with several attempts on Sullivan's life during the past several years. His name has also been linked with several bombings during 1949 in connection with the slot machine war in McHenry and Lake Counties, Illinois.

[redacted]

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The Crime Survey Reports of the Chicago Division reflect Sullivan's connection with gambling operations and the bombings mentioned above. They also indicate that attempts have been made to assassinate him. (62-75147, sub 9, Serial 79 and Crime Survey Report of Chicago Division dated October 14, 1949)

RECOMMENDATION:

[redacted]

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ACTION TAKEN - SAC McSwain, Chicago, and ASAC [redacted] Milwaukee, were telephonically contacted on 2/7/50 and were instructed to immediately effect arrangements [redacted]

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ACTION BEING TAKEN: The Milwaukee Office is being instructed to advise the Bureau as to the current status of this matter and you will be advised of further developments of interest.

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FBI MILWAUKEE 2-14-50 7-58PM CST

DIRECTOR, FBI - ATTENTION INSPECTOR E. J. MC CABE URGENT

JOHN SULLIVAN, WA., BLACKIE SULLIVAN, [redacted] b7E

REUR TELEPHONE CALL TO THIS OFFICE IN ABOVE MATTER. [redacted]

[redacted] HAD PERSONAL CONTACT WITH SULLIVAN

[redacted] b6 b7C b7D b7E

[redacted]

EXPLAINED THAT [redacted] NAME HAS BEEN MENTIONED IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS HE HAD WITH SULLIVAN AT WHICH TIMES SULLIVAN HAD TOLD [redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 10, 1950

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE

SUBJECT: JOHN SULLIVAN wa. "Blackie" Sullivan [redacted] b7E

Re Milwaukee teletype to the Bureau February 14, 1950.

[redacted] b6 b7C b7D b7E

[redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] b6 b7C b7D

It is to be noted that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] is employed in [redacted] and is known publicly as [redacted] She could be contacted in further efforts to obtain [redacted] inasmuch as she reportedly has considerable influence over SULLIVAN. It is not felt, however, advisable to contact her at this time in view of the very definite attitude taken by SULLIVAN as indicated above. 66-16636-X2

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[redacted] If any additional pertinent information is received [redacted] the Bureau will be advised. b6 b7C b7D b7E

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JUN 14 1950

TELETYPE

FBI MILWAUKEE 6-14-50 5-25 PM CST JD

DIRECTOR, FBI D E F E R R E D

JOHN SULLIVAN, WA., [redacted] REMYTEL JUNE THIRTEEN LAST. b7E

[redacted] TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED TODAY THAT b6 b7C

SHE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONTACT JOHN SULLIVAN UNTIL THIS COMING

WEEKEND. [redacted] b7E

[redacted] BUREAU WILL BE KEPT FULLY

INFORMED IN THIS MATTER.

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END ACK PLS

WA HOLD PLS.....

7-28 PM EOK FBI WASH DC ED

cc: Mr. Sullivan

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FBI, MILWAUKEE 6-13-50 3-30 PM CST JD

DIRECTOR FBI URGENT

JOHN SULLIVAN, WA., [redacted] REBUTEL JUNE THIRTEEN INSTANT b7E

AND REMY

LET JUNE EIGHT LAST. IT IS CONTEMPLATED THAT ON JUNE

FOURTEEN NEXT [redacted] WILL TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT THIS OFFICE b6 b7C

[redacted] b7E

[redacted] IF REFUSED NO FURTHER ACTION CONTEMPLATED.

[redacted] b6 b7C b7E

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

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TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

SAC, MILWAUKEE
CHICAGO

IN CODE
UNDERLINED WORDS

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JOHN SULLIVAN, WA., BLACKIE, [redacted] RETEL MILWAUKEE TO BUREAU TODAY.

[redacted]

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CGS/cmn

Note: It is noted the Chicago Division has advised Sullivan has been active in organized crime in the Chicago area for many years and is known to have engaged in the slot machine rackets and to have been a suspect in several gangland killings. The Chicago Syndicate has been credited with several attempts on Sullivan's life during the past several years and he is now hiding out recuperating from wounds received in the most recent attempt to kill him. His name has also been linked with several bombings during 1949 in connection with the slot machine war in McHenry and Lake County, Illinois. Several previous attempts have been made to interview Sullivan but he has always declined to be interviewed. [redacted]

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SENT VIA 7:22 PM Per

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Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

FBI MILWAUKEE 6-21-50 5-05 PM

DIRECTOR, FBI URGENT

JOHN SULLIVAN WA. BLACKIE, [redacted] AT SIX PM, JUNE TWENTIETH LAST, REQUESTED THAT SHE BE CONTACTED AT SEVEN THIRTY PM SAME EVENING. SAS RICHARD C. THOMPSON AND JOSEPH G. FELLNER CONTACTED [redacted] AT HER RESIDENCE [redacted]

[redacted] SULLIVAN APPEARS IN BAD PHYSICAL CONDITION AND HAS SOME SPEECH IMPEDIMENT. [redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: June 8, 1950

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: JOHN SULLIVAN, wa. "Blackie" Sullivan
[redacted]

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Rebulet May 18, 1950.

BLACKIE SULLIVAN about April 10, 1950 was ordered by District Judge Harvey L. Neelen of the Milwaukee District Court, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to stay out of Milwaukee County for two years. SULLIVAN had shortly before been arrested in Milwaukee on a vagrancy charge. Subsequent thereto SULLIVAN showed up in Waukesha, Wisconsin which is located a short distance from Milwaukee and the police chief in that city ordered SULLIVAN to leave town. SULLIVAN then traveled to Ozaukee County near Milwaukee where he was looking for a hotel, but was unable to find accomodations and was advised by the Ozaukee County authorities to leave the county and not to return. Local newspaper accounts subsequently reported that SULLIVAN was last seen headed driving a car towards Illinois.

On June 6, 1950 [redacted] was contacted by SA JOSEPH G. FELLNER. [redacted]

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JUN 22 1950

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[redacted] cautioned that under no circumstances should his identity be revealed in connection with the information furnished by him.

[redacted] was telephonically contacted June 6, 1950 by SA JOSEPH G. FELLNER and requested to come to the Milwaukee FBI Office for a confidential interview. [redacted] appeared at the Milwaukee Office at 1:15 p.m. June 7, 1950 and was interviewed by SAs RICHARD C. THOMPSON and JOSEPH G. FELLNER. [redacted]

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The Bureau will be kept currently advised of all further developments in this matter.

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FBI MILWAUKEE 6-28-50 12-08 PM CST DB

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JOHN SULLIVAN, WITH ALIAS BLACKIE. [redacted] REBUTEL JUNE TWENTYTHREE LAST. [redacted]

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FBI MILWAUKEE 7-3-50 2-22 PM CST DB

DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC CHICAGO

URGENT

JOHN SULLIVAN. WAS. [redacted] REBUTEL JUNE TWENTYTHIRD LAST. [redacted]

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WA 4-13 PM OK FBI WASH DC JIM
CG OK FBI CG AM

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cc: Mr. Belmont
Mr. [illegible]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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DATE: June 22, 1950

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE

SUBJECT: JOHN SULLIVAN, wa
Blackie
[redacted]

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Remytel 6/21/50.

At 6:00 p.m. June 20, 1950, [redacted] telephonically contacted Special Agent JOSEPH G. FELLNER and requested that she be contacted at 7:30 p.m. the same evening. Special Agents RICHARD C. THOMPSON and JOSEPH G. FELLNER contacted [redacted] at her residence. [redacted]

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SULLIVAN appears to be in bad physical condition. His right arm appears mangled. During a recent assassination attempt, SULLIVAN was shot through the mouth and as a result his jaw sockets were damaged, half of his tongue was shot away, and all of his front teeth are missing. [redacted]

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66-1029 AMSD
cc - Chicago (SD)

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JOHN SULLIVAN, wa Blackie

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Reference is made to the letters dated 7-3 and 7-7-50 from the Milwaukee Division reporting [redacted]

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